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For MAGNETORESISTIVE EFFECT SENSOR, METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING A MAGNETORESISTIVE EFFECT SENSOR,
MAGNETORESISTIVE DETECTION SYSTEM, AND
MAGNETORESISTIVE RECORDING SYSTEM

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are indicated by the notation "currently amended" in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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